

# MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: April 13, 2012

ATTENTION: Medical Board of California

SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Vacancies

STAFF CONTACT: Curtis J. Worden, Chief of Licensing

REQUESTED ACTION: Reappoint Karen Ehrlich, L.M. to the MAC's vacant Licensed Midwife position.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board accept this request to appoint to the Licensed Midwife position, Karen Ehrlich, L.M., to a three-year term with the MAC.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Business and Professions Code section 2509 states that the Board shall create and appoint a Midwifery Advisory Council consisting of licensees of the board in good standing, who need not be members of the Board, and members of the public who have an interest in midwifery practice, including but not limited to, home births. At least one-half of the council members shall be California licensed midwives.

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Karen Ehrlich has been a licensed midwife since 1996. She has been a member of the MAC since 2007, and served as Chairwoman from April 2010 through December 2011, and Vice Chairwoman in 2012. She continues to serve on the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council, and has done so since 2007. As a licensed midwife, Ms. Ehrlich is interested in continuing to serve on the MAC.

The MAC members voted to recommend to the full Board, reappointment of, Karen Ehrlich, L.M., to the MAC.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

PREVIOUS MBC AND/OR COUNCIL ACTION: Not applicable.

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**Midwifery Advisory Council Member Interest Form**

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Medical Board of California  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
Attention: Midwifery Program  
FAX: (916) 263-2487  
Susan.Morrish@mbc.ca.gov

if you have any questions please contact Susan Morrish at (916) 263-2393.

Name: EHRlich KAREN H.

(Please Print legibly - LAST, First, Middle Initial)

Address: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
Street Suite/ Apartment # City State Zip Code

Phone: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
Daytime Evening FAX

E-Mail Address (if applicable): [REDACTED] @ [REDACTED]

Are you a California Licensed Midwife?: ☒ YES ☐ NO (Check only one) License Number: LM # 6

Are you a California Licensed Physician?: ☐ YES ☒ NO (Check only one) License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, are you currently practicing as an obstetrician/gynecologist? ☐ YES ☐ NO (Check only one)

Organization/Association being represented: Midwifery Advisory Council  
(If volunteering as anon-licensee "public member" please insert the word "SELF - PUBLIC Interest")

Position within the Organization/Association: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Board member, executive, or member)

Do you have a prepared Resume or List of Qualifications Available? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(Please attach Resume or List of Qualifications to this form)

What is your interest in midwifery practice and home births? I want to see Licensed  
(Attach additional comments if more space is needed)  
Midwives able to provide high quality care  
that is within the terms of our license.

Karen H Ehrlich, LM  
(Signature)

3/3/12  
(Date)

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Midwife, Childbirth Educator, Sexuality Educator

LICENSED MIDWIFE - State of California - since 1996

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIFE- North American Registry of Midwives since 1996

REGISTERED MIDWIFE - North American Registry of Midwives - 1991 to 1996

CERTIFIED MIDWIFE - California Association of Midwives - 1988 to 1992

Professional Positions

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Midwifery Advisory Council - Charter Member 2007 to present

Chairwoman April 2010 through December 2011

Vice Chairwoman 2012

Division of Enforcement - Expert Consultant - 2010 to present

MIDWIFERY EDUCATION ACCREDITATION COUNCIL

Continuing Education Committee - 2007 to present

Work Experience

PRIVATE MIDWIFERY PRACTICE - 1976 to present

COMMUNITY EDUCATOR IN CHILDBIRTH AND MIDWIFERY - 1977 to present

Preceptor as needed - National Midwifery Institute - Sebastopol CA & Bristol VT  
National College of Midwifery - Taos NM

Cabrillo College Extension - Perinatal Nursing - 2004

Cabrillo College and UC Santa Cruz - Early Childhood Education and Human Sexuality  
Guest speaker - 1979 to present

Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey CA - Psychology of Women, Human Sexuality  
Guest speaker ca 1995 to present

Sage Femme Midwifery School - instructor, 1987 to 1998

Education Program Associates, Campbell - Guest speaker in Alternative Modalities -  
1988 to 1997

Planned Parenthood (Santa Cruz and Monterey) – 1976 to 1989  
classes for sex education teachers; guest lectures and lecture series in many  
aspects of human sexuality and childbirth, presented in public and private  
elementary middle, junior high, high school, and college classes, and to adult  
groups of parents, business people, and service clubs

Community Hospital, Santa Cruz - 1978 - inservice classes for Birth Center nurses

Institute of Feminine Arts, Santa Cruz - 1977-1979 - workshops/classes for midwives  
and for students of midwifery

PERINATAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR & PRENATAL EDUCATOR- 1990 to 1994  
Westside Community Health Center  
1119 Pacific Avenue, Suite 200, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COORDINATOR - 1986-1989; EDUCATOR – 1976 to 1989  
Planned Parenthood of Santa Cruz County  
1119 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz 95060

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATOR – 1987 to 1988  
Santa Cruz Medical Clinic 2025 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz 95062

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATOR, PRENATAL CARE PROVIDER – 1977 to 1979  
Cedar Medical Clinic 540 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz 95062

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATOR – 1976 to 1982  
YWCA Santa Cruz County Adult Education  
Cedar Medical Clinic Private independent classes

### Education

Master of Arts, Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont – July, 2003  
Health Arts and Sciences

Independent Study in Childbirth and Midwifery - 1973-present  
Apprenticeship in Midwifery - 1975-1976

Bachelor of Science, Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York - 1968  
Speech, English, and Secondary Education

### Current Memberships

California Association of Midwives  
Midwives Alliance of North America  
National Association of Certified Professional Midwives  
Midwifery Education Accreditation Council  
Citizens for Midwifery  
Coalition for Improving Maternity Services  
Association for Pre and Perinatal Psychology and Health  
Citizens for Health

### Publications

"The Santa Cruz Birth Center Today" in *Birth and the Family Journal* Vol. 3, #3,  
Fall, 1976  
*Birth Song* - 1979 - a book of poetry about birth  
*Midwife Means 'With Woman'* - co-authored with Elizabeth Hallett, published  
by Midwives Childbirth Awareness Project/California Association of  
Midwives 1991  
*Life is a Sexually Transmitted Condition: The Sexuality of Labor and Birth*, unpublished  
thesis, Goddard College, 2003

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REQUESTED ACTION: Appoint James Byrne, M.D. to the MAC's vacant Ob-Gyn. Public Member position.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board accept this request to appoint to a Public Member position, James Byrne, M.D. to a three-year term with the MAC.

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Dr. James Byrne has been the Chief of Obstetrics and Maternal Fetal Medicine at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center for the past eight years. In 2011, Dr. Byrne founded The Lucinda Health Foundation, a non-profit organization that seeks to improve maternal care delivery through several pathways, including a collaborative practice model for midwives and physicians. He is currently appointed on the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, District IX, California, State Obstetrics Safety Committee. He is dedicated to improving maternal care and safety and has longstanding efforts in supporting midwifery.

The MAC members voted to recommend to the full Board, James Byrne, M.D., for appointment to the MAC.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

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Name: BYRNE, JAMES DANIEL  
(Please Print legibly - LAST, First, Middle Initial)

Address: [REDACTED]  
Street Suite/ Apartment # City State Zip Code

Phone: [REDACTED] ( ) N/A  
Daytime Evening FAX

E-Mail Address (if applicable): [REDACTED]

Are you a California Licensed Midwife?: ☐ YES ☒ NO (Check only one) License Number: LM # \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a California Licensed Physician?: ☒ YES ☐ NO (Check only one) License Number: 674780

If yes, are you currently practicing as an obstetrician/gynecologist? ☒ YES ☐ NO (Check only one)

Organization/Association being represented: SANTA CLAZA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER  
(If volunteering as anon- licensee "public member" please insert the word "SELF - PUBLIC Interest")

Position within the Organization/Association: CHAIR - OB/GYN  
(Board member, executive, or member)

Do you have a prepared Resume or List of Qualifications Available? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(Please attach Resume or List of Qualifications to this form)

What is your interest in midwifery practice and home births? MY CAREER HAS BEEN  
(Attach additional comments if more space is needed)  
DEDICATED TO IMPROVING MATERNAL CARE AND  
SAFETY. AND THAT HAS INCLUDED LONG STANDING  
EFFORTS TO SUPPORT MIDWIFERY. SEE LETTER  
J Byrne 3/14/12  
(Signature) (Date)

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## JAMES DANIEL BYRNE, M.D.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

PHONE  
EMAIL

MAIL

### OVERVIEW OF EXPERTISE

#### Improving performance and safety. System, regional, and national obstetrics care quality improvement.

- Local: Developed and implemented new clinical and quality improvement systems for the largest public hospital birth center in California, including OB peer review, quality assessment, and system based improvement collaborations with multiple service lines.
- Regional/State: Role as leader and advisor for obstetrics care systems at a full spectrum of California hospitals, ranging from small rural centers to large university centers.
  - ACOG District IX State of California
    - Obstetrics Patient Safety Leadership Committee
  - California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative
    - Executive Committee
    - Contributing reviewer of both the Obstetrical Hemorrhage Toolkit and Eliminating Elective Delivery < 39 Weeks Toolkits that have been implemented nationally
  - March of Dimes
    - California Chapter Board of Directors
    - Chair of State Program Services Committee

Consultant for Medical Board of California, UC Regents, and health systems.

- National: Recognized for large scale maternity care improvement and organizational change.
  - National Association of Public Hospitals
    - 2011 Chair of Advisory Committee- Perinatal Quality Initiative to Reduce Elective Deliveries in the Medicaid Population
    - 2010 Safety Net Award for implementing a regional program increasing OB care access and revenues
- Former member of HCA Perinatal Safety Initiative physician advisory committee, a complex national collaborative to improve birth and newborn care at over 200 hospitals nationwide.

#### Leading design and implementation of several innovative regional maternity care programs.

- Government operated hospital system: New regional system of sub-specialty pregnancy clinics for a large safety-net health system. Annual visits increased 56% and revenues over 500%
- Public Private Partnership: New Maternal Fetal Medicine services at an urban not-for-profit hospital including Ultrasound and Diabetes in pregnancy care programs.
- Public Private Partnership: Designed and implemented an indigent care birth service at a rural hospital through a strategic partnership between multiple organizations.

#### Clinical Research: proven performance as site principle investigator including leading regulatory compliance, operations, and finances.

- 2011-current, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Maternal Fetal Medicine Units Network. Stanford/SCVMC Collaboration. Site Principle Investigator
- 2004-current. Site Principle Investigator for multiple FDA-monitored, sponsored, multi-center trials.



**CURRENT POSITIONS**

**2008 to Current** Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. San Jose, CA  
Chair Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

- Leader of one of California's largest OB/Gyn Departments. Over 50 physicians and nurse practitioners at three hospitals with >120,000 annual clinic visits and >\$30m in annual revenue.

**2003 to Current** Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. San Jose, CA  
Chief of Obstetrics and Chief of Maternal-Fetal-Medicine

**Medical Director for Obstetrics Service Areas**

1. Labor and Delivery Triage/Ambulatory ~ 10,000 annual visits, more than many hospital ER's.
2. Labor and Delivery ~4,500 annual births, California's largest public hospital birth center

**Medical Director for Maternal Fetal Medicine Service Areas**

MFM- Services. MFM is crucial to supporting OB care systems and key to sustaining NICU and Pediatric specialty services.

1. Perinatal Ultrasound. Four clinic sites with ~12,000 OB scans in 2010, one of the largest and most sophisticatedly coordinated OB Gyn Department level ultrasound systems in California. State AFP program approved referral center and AIUM accredited.
2. PEP- Diabetes in Pregnancy Program. One of largest such programs in State while also providing full OB care to our patients.

**CURRENT APPOINTMENTS**

- 2003-Current** Affiliated Clinical Associate Professor of Maternal Fetal Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology. Stanford University School of Medicine. Palo Alto, CA.  
*Scope: Regional/Local. Medical student education.*
- 2010- Current** March of Dimes California Chapter Board of Directors and Chair of State Program Services Committee  
*Scope: Statewide- over 500,000 annual births and State level MOD patient programs are then commonly adopted as the national MOD guidelines/projects.*
- 2007-Current** Executive Committee, California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative. Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Program, California Department of Public Health  
*Scope: Statewide- over 500,000 annual births. Group leads development of public policy and programs to monitor outcomes and improve safety for all births occurring in California.*
- 2009-Current** ACOG, District IX California State Obstetrics Safety Committee  
*Scope: Statewide ACOG group leads physician education and hospital safety.*
- 2004-Current** Medical Expert Reviewer, Executive Office of the Medical Board of California.  
*Scope: Statewide. Consultant for MBC investigations regarding OB care issues.*

**SIGNIFICANT PRIOR APPOINTMENTS**

- 2006-2010** Perinatal Committee of the Expanded AFP Program, Prenatal Screening Section, Genetic Disease Branch, California Department of Health Services.  
*Scope: Statewide- ~ 350,000 annual pregnancies. Group leads revisions of the AFP program.*
- 2004-2006** Fellow, California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF) Health Care Leadership Program.  
*Scope: Statewide. Competitive entry two-year fellowship to develop leadership and corporate skills needed to improve health care policy and delivery in California. Tuition and fees (~\$50,000) sponsored by CHCF. Education administered by the UCSF Center for the Health Professions and the UCLA Anderson School of Management.*
- 2004-2008** Expert Ultrasound Reviewer. American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine.

rev 06-2011

*Scope: National. Consultant for quality and regulatory standards case review of physicians and groups performing pregnancy related ultrasounds.*

- 2002-2003 Charter Member of Physician Work Group: HCA National Perinatal Safety Initiative (formally Perinatal Risk Management Initiative). HCA Corporation, Nashville, TN.  
*Scope: National, 200,000 annual births. This multi-million dollar project developed and implemented patient safety programs including QI and evidence based medicine algorithms at 200 HCA hospitals nationwide, increased safety and decreasing professional liability claims.*

#### RECENT HONORS AND RECOGNITION

- 2010 National Association of Public Hospitals Safety Net Award for 'Improving Access and Revenues: Applying Robust Process Improvement Models to Expand Regional Prenatal Services in a Safety-Net Healthcare System'
- 2005-2012 The Best Doctors in America® : Maternal Fetal Medicine

#### LICENSURE AND BOARD CERTIFICATION

- 1992-Current Licensed Physician California  
 2000 Maternal Fetal Medicine. Certificate #95-1250M  
 American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.  
 1998 Obstetrics and Gynecology. Certificate #95-1250  
 American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

#### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 1995-1997 Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship  
 Women's and Children's Hospital  
 University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA
- 1991-1995 Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency  
 Women's and Children's Hospital  
 University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA
- 1987-1991 Doctorate of Medicine  
 Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1982-1987 Bachelor of Arts Degree, Magna Cum Laude  
 California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA

#### HONORS AND AWARDS DURING TRAINING

- 1995 Outstanding Resident Teacher Award in Obstetrics.  
 University of Southern California School of Medicine
- 1995 Outstanding Resident Teacher Award in Gynecology.  
 University of Southern California School of Medicine
- 1995 Parke-Davis Scholar Award.  
 Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics
- 1994 CREOG Exam 99<sup>th</sup>tile. Highest Score in USC Residency Program of 50 residents
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***Additional information regarding publications, presentations, and research available on request.***

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REQUESTED ACTION: Appoint Monique Webster to the MAC's vacant Public Member position.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board accept this request to appoint to a Public Member position, Monique Webster to a three-year term with the MAC.

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Ms. Webster has a Master's degree in Public Health, with an emphasis on Maternal and Child Health. Her current position on the Berkeley Community Health Commission speaks of her continued interest in public health issues. Ms. Webster has volunteer experience as a postpartum doula in the San Francisco Bay area, and is currently planning a home birth with a midwife.

The MAC members voted to recommend to the full Board, Ms. Monique Webster, for appointment to the MAC.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

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 Susan.Morrish@mbc.ca.gov

If you have any questions please contact Susan Morrish at (916) 263-2393.

Name: WEBSTER, MONIQUE, M  
 (Please Print legibly - LAST, First, Middle Initial)

Address: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
 Street Suite/Apartment # City State Zip Code

Phone: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
 Daytime Evening FAX

E-Mail Address (if applicable): [REDACTED]

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Organization/Association being represented: SELF - PUBLIC INTEREST  
 (If volunteering as a non-licensure "public member" please insert the word "SELF - PUBLIC Interest")

Position within the Organization/Association: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Board member, executive, or member)

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What is your interest in midwifery practice and home births? SEE ATTACHED  
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[Signature]  
 (Signature)

02/29/12  
 (Date)

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MAC Interest Form (1/12)

# MONIQUE WEBSTER

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## Education

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY

Berkeley, CA

Master of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health Program, December 2005

Honors: Public Health Alumni Scholarship, 2004; University Fellowship, 2003-2004

Thesis Topic: DDT Levels and Length of Lactation in a Mexican Immigrant Population of Salinas, CA

Cumulative GPA: 3.83

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS

Davis, CA

Bachelor of Science in Biology, Emphasis in Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior, June 2002

Additional course work included upper-division economics, psychology, child development and anthropology

Upper-Division Cumulative GPA: 3.80

## Experience

### COMMISSIONER

Berkeley, CA

*Community Health Commission*, February 2010 to Present

Provide health planning, education, and informational service to the community. Review health proposals submitted by public and private agencies for funding. Advise the Mayor and City Council on public health issues.

### HEALTH EDUCATOR

Berkeley, CA

*Freelance*, April 2007 to July 2011

Provide one-on-one support to private clients, including health education, personalized research and referrals to relevant community resources. Areas of interest include nutrition counseling, chronic conditions and health and wellness support.

### BREAST CARE HEALTH EDUCATOR

San Francisco, CA

*Kaiser Permanente*, March 2006 to April 2007

Provided one-on-one support to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. Advocated for patients, referred to relevant community resources, consulted with physicians and followed patients through treatment. Additional responsibilities included facilitating two support groups, maintaining patient materials and working with the breast care tracking system.

### POSTPARTUM DOULA

San Francisco Bay Area, CA

*Freelance*, December 2004 to March 2006

Assessed needs of new families and provided physical and emotional support to new mothers, fathers and infants in their homes. Provided health education on a variety of parenting and infant care topics. Supported family choices and addressed parental concerns, basic breastfeeding difficulties, household organization and infant care. Provided appropriate referrals as necessary.

### GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER/ANALYST

San Francisco Bay Area, CA

*UC Berkeley and UC San Francisco*, January 2004 to February 2005Researched and co-authored an article for the *Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*. Using Epi Info, created study questionnaire and entered and analyzed data for one of three countries in a post-partum intervention trial of an anti-shock garment. Prepared reports and presentations, collaborated with other researchers and communicated with Nigerian healthcare providers.

Monique Webster

**GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR**

Berkeley, CA

UC Berkeley, July 2003 to December 2004

In the graduate Public Health courses *International Maternal and Child Health* and *Qualitative Methods in Maternal and Child Health*, activities included preparing materials for the course reader, coordinating guest speakers, grading papers and responding to student queries.

**OUTREACH WORKER**

San Francisco, CA

Street Outreach Services/Americorps, September 2002 to August 2003

On an individual basis, assessed the healthcare needs of homeless people. Provided health education and referrals for further medical and social services. Distributed harm reduction materials, condoms, clothing, vitamins and hygiene supplies. Identified new populations for service delivery. Followed individuals in a case management capacity, including escorting clients to appointments and providing assistance with eligibility and application for public programs.

**TEACHING ASSISTANT**

Davis, CA

UC Davis, January to April 2001; September to December 2001; April to June 2002

In the upper-division courses *Human Gross Anatomy*, *Personal Finance* and *Real Estate Economics*, with 250 to 400 students, responsibilities included writing and administering examinations, holding office hours, grading assignments and conducting review sessions.

**HEALTH EDUCATOR**

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

June to August in 1998 and 2000

Working with a culturally diverse population, planned and conducted health education classes on a variety of topics including family planning, HIV prevention and nutrition. Provided basic first aid.

**Publications**

Weldon, R, Webster, M, Harley, K et al. Serum Persistent Organic Pollutants and Duration of Lactation among Mexican-American Women. *Journal of Environmental and Public Health*. 2010. doi:10.1155/2010/861757

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Certified Emergency Medical Technician

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Proficient in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, SAS, STATA and Epi Info

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### Response to question on interest in midwifery practice and home births

My interest in midwifery began when I volunteered as a birth doula at a birth center in Davis, where I was fortunate to work closely with several nurse-midwives. My passion only grew when I attended UC Berkeley for my Master's degree in Public Health with an emphasis in Maternal and Child Health. My current position on the Berkeley Community Health Commission speaks to my continued interest in broader public health issues, and my current pregnancy and plans for a homebirth with a midwife explains my deep interest in both midwifery and home birth.